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THE SCRANTON OF TODAY.

Come and inspect our city. Elevation above the tide, 710 feet. Climate healthy. Estimated population, 158,000,000. Registered voters, 20,000. Value of school property, \$750,000. Number of school children, 12,000. Average amount of bank deposits, \$10,000,000. It is the metropolis of northeastern Pennsylvania. Can produce electric power cheaper than Niagara. No better point in the United States at which to establish new industries. See how we grow:

Population in 1870	9,222
Population in 1880	25,000
Population in 1890	42,500
Population in 1894 (estimated)	158,000

And the end is not yet.

The Democracy of Lackawanna county has been elected to its motto: "No Irish Need Apply." And yet it was this same party which had the effrontery to predict that Republican Irish-Americans like Vaughan and O'Malley were "set up only to be knocked down," whereas they lead their party ticket. Voters of Irish extraction will not forget this circumstance.

Look to Common Council.

At the forthcoming February municipal election, common councilmen are to be elected from the odd wards. The interval could be profitably devoted to a minute scrutiny of the records of members who will doubtless aspire to re-election. It is important, of course, that the right kind of men are, from time to time, sent to Washington, to make national laws which only at rare intervals come home to the individual citizen. It is also important that the legislative assemblies at Harrisburg shall be made up of capable and experienced men; for the laws that they make at Harrisburg sometimes are felt in Scranton. But did it ever occur to you that while they are passing one act at Washington and ten acts at Harrisburg which directly concern the average Scrantonian, the two branches of council at Washington avenue and Mulberry street are called upon to consider from 100 to 500 propositions every one of which is of immediate and tangible local importance?

In some respects it must be confessed that we are a truly ridiculous people. Here we have, regularly each two years, over the election of a man to go to congress, where, singly, he could not help or hurt us if he tried, and pay almost no heed whatever to the quality of the individual whom we graciously permit to represent us in councilmanic deliberations that carry with them the very life or death of local improvement and good local government, and which are often decided by a single vote! There are, of course, exceptions to this rule, just as there are local councilmen who are just as well fitted to legislate for seventy millions of persons as any man who now attaches "M. C." to his name; but the most casual observer of the average city council's work will be compelled to admit that these exceptions are few.

In this city, for instance, upon what ground, other than ignorance, carelessness or downright venality, are we to account for the vast number of valuable municipal franchises that have been bestowed, from time to time, absolutely without a cent's worth of visible profit in return? Who is there that does not know to a certainty that while there are undoubtedly honest men in both branches of council, there have been and presumably are now men in those branches who can be improperly "influenced"? These questions are thrown out, not as veiled charges, but simply as incentives to thought. The man who is derelict in a position of public trust is derelict primarily because the public itself sets him the example. He is a minor offender compared with it; and should be judged with corresponding leniency.

We wish, if possible, to arouse the public from this slothful habit of neglecting its duties toward self-government; and as a first step along this line suggest that it would pay Scrantonians to get ready, when the time comes, to look to common council.

Judge Sitzer's defeat for re-election comes as a gentle reminder that history sometimes repeats itself.

If "Bloody Bridges" Waite, of Colorado, don't like this country, the opportunity is open to him to get promptly out. He never would be missed.

That the purposes which inspire the ordinary Democrat are not always as lofty as they might be is shown in the fact that Judge Clayton's re-election in Delaware county was accomplished not by Republican support but by Democratic indifference. The Democratic voters of Delaware had in their power to defeat this unit man and elect a clean Democrat to his place. They neglected the opportunity, and Clayton thereby pulled through. There are some persons upon whom it seems the lessons of the passing years are utterly

and hopelessly lost. One of these persons, by the way, is the dyed-in-the-wool Democrat who inhabits a strongly Republican county.

We are yet inclined to believe that the ablest assistants which Republicanism had in the late unpleasantness were none other than the Democrats themselves.

Luzerne county Republicans are certainly deserving of congratulation upon their splendid victory, all the more so because its dimensions are a surprise even to the most sanguine prophets. The loyal support accorded to the whole Republican ticket in the mother county by those who, after a spirited canvass, were fairly outvoted in party convention stands out in conspicuous contrast with the contrary policy pursued by certain self-styled Republicans in our own county. Hon. Morgan B. Williams has not only not committed harp kari; but he has, by his unswerving loyalty, held the party under no obligations to him and we dare say will, at no distant day, receive adequate proof of the party's gratitude.

If a little bogus rooster-printing helps to break the force of the Scranton Times' long fall, he would be a man man who should begrudge it that consolation.

The Official Count.

Although the count has not yet completed the official footings on its tabular announcement of last Tuesday's result in Lackawanna county; and while it has yet to pass upon the point raised with reference to the Third district of the Eleventh ward of Scranton, in which the total vote returned for the office of county treasurer by the election officials exceeds by twenty-three the total number of votes cast in the district, it is definitely known that upon the face of the returns, Frank H. Clemens has been elected sheriff by 45 plurality; and Charles H. Schadt, treasurer by 19 plurality.

At the request of the attorneys for Mr. Clemens and Mr. Davies, the vote of the Fifth district of the Second ward has been passed until this morning, when it is said important affidavits will be presented. The hearing which these will have upon the final result is not yet known. It is said by Mr. Bailey's attorneys that they will contest Mr. Clemens' election; but under the law he will, in any event, assume the duties of the office, and the probabilities are that he will not afterward be interfered with. The apparent defeat of Mr. Davies is a cause for genuine regret. Admittedly clean, able and upright, he would have brought to the treasurer's office the highest order, and an honesty of character and purpose which could not be questioned. Concerning Mr. Schadt, The Tribune has words only of commendation. Personally affable, honorable and progressive, he has made an aggressive fight and will, if seated, no doubt fully meet the high expectations of his friends. The fortunes of political warfare are uncertain; but no Republican will be mean enough to carry his disappointment over Mr. Davies' defeat into a feeling of churlishness toward the victor.

Then, again, it is just possible that Grover is deluding Little Billy with one of Billy's own favorite party bluffs. Cleveland and Bissell certainly owe Hines nothing.

It will be generally regretted if the official count in Northampton county shall show that Judge Reeder is defeated. The clean and straightforward campaign that he waged in striking contrast with the low-down methods of the utterly discredited Mutchler ring—and his own admirable personality deserved a better result. His defeat by so small a margin in a county ordinarily so heavily Democratic is really a victory; but it lacks essence without Judge Reeder again placed on the bench.

Now that the "sackless Simpson" period in Kansas' political evolution has been outgrown in safety, the country is ready for a new freak.

The mistake which the Democratic leaders made in 1892 was in supposing that because they had been entrusted with power by an unexpectedly large majority, the best people in the country had suddenly been converted to their way of thinking, and would thenceforward choose whatever the leaders might choose to label with a Democratic brand. They failed to recognize the growing strength of the independent vote, which recognizes in political parties only a means to an end, and not the chief end itself.

We are hopeful that the enlightened leadership of the Republican party will not now, under similar circumstances, repeat Democracy's mistake. There was a time, soon after the war, when the partisan prejudices of the people were yet rigid with the tenacity of fierce crisis and great emotion. It was then possible for anything bearing a Republican label to secure a Republican popular endorsement. But the softer years of peace have loosened this feeling, until today, in every direction, men are thinking and studying for themselves. The tidal wave of 1892, if it had occurred twenty years earlier, would have admittedly have implied Democratic supremacy for a decade to come. But coming in a period when voters look less for party labels than for desired results, its endorsement lasted only a fortnight and was blotted out by an even greater reverse uprising at the very next appeal to the polls. This simply means that the citizenship of this nation is caring for itself, and does not propose to submit its destiny to the solution of reckless partisan chieftains interested mainly in themselves. It implies no lack of reasonable loyalty to leaders who shall prove worthy of the name.

We say we hope that the Republican primaries will avoid their Democratic predecessors' mistakes; and we have this hope upon the already encouraging fact that from men like Reed and Sherman and Allison come words of admonition rather than mere partisan outcries of joy. It cannot be too earnestly impressed upon Republicans in official station that what the country wants is not new turmoil and new soundings of partisan war toms, but peace and rest and opportunity to breathe. There is no better fighter than Thomas B. Reed,

yet Reed today is as the cooling dove and Sherman is the very personification of caution and moderation. These men see that the partisan chieftains must be kept in the background, and the homely muscle and sense of the plain common people be permitted to earn their daily bread without reference to Washington.

The board of trade of Wilkes-Barre, in selecting a successor to the late Secretary McKune, has chosen precisely the right man in E. A. Niven. The facile pen of this amiable journalist-veteran is equally happy in treating either fact or fiction; and can, when desired, combine the two in a most artistic blend. Success to Secretary Niven, and success to Wilkes-Barre!

Mr. Singler's canvass was decidedly not in vain. It tickled Singler, pleased the torchlight colonels, increased the circulation of the Philadelphia Record and didn't hurt Hastings, in the slightest degree.

The esteemed Carbonate Leader need not lose sleep in dream about the editors of The Tribune and the Times should shed each other's blood. It perhaps does not know Brother Hudson's Pickwickian tenderness.

The Republican congressmen-elect of Pennsylvania will probably need two men like Erdman and Hart in the state delegation just to remind them that Democracy still lives.

There is no exclusiveness about the Republican party. Its tent is large and there's yet room for more. Certain it is that Irishmen are not forbidden to apply.

It is uncommonly kind in the Democratic newspapers to proffer their able assistance to Governor-elect Hastings in the formation of his cabinet; but we suspect he will not need their help.

Merely as one of the inevitable afterthoughts we are impelled to remind our esteemed contemporary, Colonel Singler, that his anti-Powderly gun was loaded.

The report that Billy Hines will contest Lisenring's election may be dismissed by nearly 6,000 plurality.

A TASK FOR HERCULES.

From the Commercial-Advertiser.

Mayor-elect Strong has now before him a responsibility as great as any that has confronted a civil officer in the United States. An enormous majority of his fellow citizens have singled him out as their agent in an enterprise of almost unparalleled magnitude—the reorganization of the government of New York. No city in the world's history, since Sodom was smitten by the fire of God, has been governed more rotly than this municipality is governed today; oppressed by criminals more numerous or more infamous than those who oppress the people of this city. The mere vote of yesterday effects nothing. It is but a mandate. Mayor Strong must give effect to that mandate. Before all things he must remember that this is not the end of the fight; it is but the beginning. To purify the government of this city will take two or three years. The work must be carried forward from hour to hour and day by day unceasingly. Robbers must be hung out of office. Records must be overhauled. Robbery must be followed up by prosecution. Scores of Tammany scoundrels must be sent to the state prison to join John F. McKane and his kind. Not one, from the most distinguished to the meanest, must be spared. The whole municipality must be stripped and fumigated. Otherwise, two years hence Tammany will be back in control and all the old villainies and bestiality will begin over again.

THE POPLISTIC SLUMP.

From the Commercial-Advertiser.

Today's problem is what has become of the Populists? Throughout the southern states the party seems to have been wiped out. Up to a few weeks ago the outlook was that the Populists would poll a great vote especially in Georgia. Instead of that, the returns only emphasize the scarcity of the Populists. Tom Watson, their long-winded champion, has been defeated for congress. In Kansas Jerry Simpson, who seemed to have a grip on his seat in congress, is ordered to stay at home by a decisive majority. Wellington, the fool-governor of unfortunate Kansas, who made himself and the state the laughing stock of the world, is buried under thousands of votes, and Kansas is once more in the hands of its friends, the Republican party. Getting to the Rocky mountains the blundering White, the man who would waste his horse in lead up to the bridges, is defeated, and Life Pence, the dime museum congressman, will not need to stay around Washington after this winter. The best explanation offered to account for the disappearance of the Populist vote is that it had to all intents and purposes been absorbed by the Democracy. Old political observers predict that the Populists, as a party, will now practically pass out of existence, as the National Greenback party did in 1890, after making a splendid showing in 1878.

The Passing of Peanut Politics.

From the Providence Journal.

The failure of the partisan attempt to deport Mr. Morton's coachman is merely another illustration of the usual outcome of such narrow-minded political schemes. There is no permanent profit in the pursuit of peanut politics.

New Hands the Bellows.

From the Boston Journal.

More than one hundred members of the present congress, it appears, failed of re-nomination. When to these are added the number who failed of election it is clear that the next congress will be largely made up of new men.

The Next Speaker.

From the Commercial-Advertiser.

It needs no prophet to predict that, as certainly as anything in the future can be declared certain, the speaker of the house of representatives in the fifty-fourth congress will be Mr. Thomas Brackett Reed, of Maine.

Political Outrigger Played Out.

From the Scranton Truth.

Evidently the world moves. An Irish Republican senator from this district and an Irish Republican representative from the Fourth district is proof of the fact. Political outrigger on race issues is played out in this valley.

Mr. Dana's Partisan Arrow.

From the New York Sun.

The Cleveland outfit must now know that they cannot haul down the American flag at home and abroad and succeed for any length of time afterwards in this country.

Maintained the Decalogue.

From the New York Tribune.

The Ten Commandments have prevailed by majorities that vindicate the right of the people to rule.

Smug and Sincere.

From the New York Herald.

It was a revolution that closes a dark and opens a bright era in the municipal affairs of New York.

A Synonym of Republicanism.

From the New York World.

The people are in power and they have shown it. That is what it means.

Singler's Shrewd Guess.

From the Philadelphia Record.

Senator Quay had inside information.

By the Woman Editor.

From the Commercial-Advertiser.

Is it not about time even for such purely Pickwickian outcries as Baroda to give the unhappy American a rest about his "nervousness" and "neurasthenia"? Of course he is "nervous." The very conditions of existence upon the continent involve an attitude in him for frequent and sudden changes in his environment. It is not "nervousness" that he has to dread, the activity, readiness and power of thought and will that distinguish him; it is nervousness. Of this the claim is the type. It is this that is the parent of legible content with misgovernment and the rule of vile and vicious men. Hall to the nervous American and down with the servile, nerveless wretch who submits, cur-like, to the lashing of a brutal master!

The Day After.

From the Washington Star.

"William," said the solicitors wife, "you must have cheered insanely last night."

"Not a cheer," he responded, turning upon her a look of unutterable reproach. "But how did you get that horrible hoarseness?"

"I jumbo, unless I got it standing out in the political frost."

"You had better not be so indifferent. You can't speak above a whisper."

"That's all right. I don't have to. It isn't my turn to talk."

And he slid into his overcoat and went forth into the desolate chill of a November morning.

Pithy.

From the Minneapolis Times.

Populism, paralysis and poverty.

BABYHOOD.

Heigh-ho! Babyhood! Tell me where you linger!

Let's toddle home again, for we have some aprons.

Take this eager hand of mine and lead me by the finger

Back to the Lotus lands of the far-away.

Turn back the leaves of life; don't read this! Let's find the pictures, and fancy all the rest.

We will fill the written pages with a brighter glory

Than Old Time, the story-teller, at his best!

Turn to the book, where the honeysuckle, Upping,

Over its vase of perfume spills it on the breeze.

And the bee and humming-bird in ecstasy are sipping

From the fairy flagons of the blooming locust trees.

Turn to the lane, where we used to "teeter totter,"

Printing little foot-prints in the mellow mould;

Laughing at the lazy cattle wading in the water

Where the ripples dimpled round the buttocks of gold.

Where the ducky turtle likes basking on the gravel

Of the sunny sandbar, in the middle-land.

And the ghostly dragonfly pauses in his travel

To rest like a blossom where the water-lily dies.

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—James Whitcomb Riley.

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